

Dear Mr. Calabrese,

Please forward our concerns to the Education Committee:

As parents of a child who receives services under a Special Education IEP we cannot stress enough the importance of H.B. 6051. Even with diagnostic evidence and doctors notes it took 19 months to get our daughter the services she required. As frustrating and lengthy as the process was we cannot imagine the additional delays that would have happened if the SRBI process had been used to postpone the outcome.

Although we support this bill we would like to make sure that the SRBI process does what it is supposed to do and that is identify children in an expedient manner so that early intervention can allow them to thrive in school. With this in mind we respectfully request that H.B. 6051 should be amended to specifically state that "the SRBI process should not be used to delay the identification of children eligible to receive special education and related services."

Respectfully,

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